

**Ken Dubuque Remarks
Tour de Houston News Conference
Tuesday, March 8, 2005**

- **Mayor White, Mayor Pro Tem Alvarado:**
- **There is no doubt that Houston is a dynamic city. I didn't realize how dynamic until a week ago when Guaranty opened its new downtown banking center in Three Allen Center.**
- **The Mayor was kind enough to come to our opening reception. I told him Guaranty was looking to get involved in a major event here in Houston. He told me about the Tour de Houston, and here we are today –one week later – committed as title sponsor through 2008.**
- **Lesson I learned: You've got to peddle fast to keep up with the Mayor.**
- **Guaranty Bank is pleased to be the Title Sponsor of the Tour de Houston benefiting the Houston Parks. We know it will grow to be one of the premier bicycling events in Texas and across the country.**
- **Guaranty Bank has a cycling team, which will ride in the event. Mayor White, Mayor Pro Tem Alvarado: as we've joined your team, we want you to join ours. Here are your Guaranty Bank Cycling Team jerseys. I hope you will let our team join you in starting the race Saturday morning.**
- **I've promised to be the head cheerleader.**